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SUBJECT: DROUGHT IN SOMALIA--EC AID

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1. WE HAVE RELAYED TO THE COMMISSION INFORMATION ON THE CURRENT US EFFORTS TO ASSIST SOMALIA (REFTELS) AND INQUIRED REGARDING THE COMMUNITY'S PLANS. WE ARE INFORMED THAT THE EC COUNCIL HAS APPROVED A COMMISSION PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO SOMALIA UNDER THE FOLLOWING HEADINGS.
2. AIRLIFTED MILK PRODUCTS: THE COMMUNITY WILL PROVIDE 110 TONS OF MILK PRODUCTS OF WHICH 80 TONS IS MILK POWDER AND 30 TONS IS BUTTERMILK. THE FIRST OF 3 PLANELOADS, CONTAINING MILK POWDER, IS DUE TO DEPART JAN. 2.
3. FOOD AID CONVERSION: IN ORDER TO MEET THE

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CURRENT EMERGENCY SITUATION IN SOMALIA, ASSISTANCE

UNDER THE EC'S REGULAR FOOD AID PROGRAM HAS BEEN CONVERTED TO EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE, THUS PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DISTRIBUTION COSTS BY THE EC. 7000 TONS OF CEREALS UNDER THE 72/73 FOOD AID PROGRAM (WHICH WERE ALREADY SCHEDULED FOR DELIVERY DURING THE CURRENT FALL/WINTER PERIOD) WILL NOW BE CONVERTED TO EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE. THIS INCLUDES 2326 TONS OF RICE AND 2649 TONS OF FLOUR, MOST OF WHICH THE COMMISSION EXPECTS WILL ARRIVE IN SOMALIA BETWEEN NOW AND FEBRUARY. IN ADDITION THE EC HAS SOME 5000 TONS OF CEREALS EARMARKED FOR SOMALIA UNDER THE 73/74 PROGRAM. ALL OF THE ABOVE STEPS ARE IN ADDITION TO BILATERAL ASSISTANCE BEING PROVIDED BY INDIVIDUAL MEMBER STATES (REFTEL C).

4. THE COMMISSION IS CLEARLY INTERESTED IN BEING KEPT UP TO DATE ON US AID EFFORTS IN SOMALIA.
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